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Farmers grapple with dry summer

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

The summer weather has been loved by many, with the scorching hot temperatures and sun-filled days packing local beaches, lakes and cottage country stores. However, the humidity and lack of rain hasn't been welcome news for all, as the drought and constant heat advisories are proving difficult for local farmers who are battling the elements.

One such farm is McLean Berry Farm, a favourite at Haliburton County Farmers' Market locations.

Situated just outside of Buckhorn, the farm includes two large properties, measuring 99 acres and 187 acres (respectively), said farm market manager Erin McLean.

McLean has lived on the farm since she was five, as it is owned and operated by her family.

Working on the farm full time since 2009, and part time during the summers prior, this year stands out in her mind.

"This is the driest summer that I can remember since we've been farming in

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The art of giving

Noelle Dupret Smith displays a small work by Matthew Mancini at the HSAD Faculty Auction on Aug. 11. The oil painting was titled Minden Evening. All auction items were donated by artists who work for HSAD and the money raised goes directly to student bursaries. More on page 10.
JENN WATT Staff

Security to increase at county's EMS bases

CHAD INGRAM
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will be updating the locking system at its three EMS bases.

Councillors on the municipality's EMS advisory committee received a report from EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones during an Aug. 10 meeting.

"The current mechanical door access code has been the same since the county assumed responsibility for ambulance service in the year 2000," a report from Jones reads.

"These mechanical systems are prone to failure and unable to be changed without contacting a locksmith. Recently one of the systems failed and the contractor had difficulty obtaining parts due to the age of the mechanism. Another significant concern is that it is not practical to change the code when staff leave the employ of the county, given the level of turnover of staff and the amount of administrative effort (and cost) of making and communicating the change.

"Given that any individual with knowledge of the code could access our facilities, staff, vehicles and drugs, etc., it poses

a security concern. It is a recommended health and safety best practice that each time an employee leaves the employment of the county, access codes should be changed immediately."

Jones's recommendation was to upgrade the system to accommodate electronic key FOBs that county paramedics already use to check into work.

"The system is managed by a web-based access control system software," Jones's report continues.

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Rural health hub coming to Highlands

ANGELA LONG

Staff Reporter

On Sunday, Aug. 7, Premier Kathleen Wynne announced that the Haliburton Highlands Health Services has been chosen as one of five sites for a rural health hub pilot project.

The five hubs, which also include Espanola, Dryden, Manitouwadge and Blind River, will receive \$2.5 million in funding over three years.

“Our government is working to ensure access to high-quality health care in every corner of Ontario,” Wynne stated in a news release.

The aim of the project is to “provide care that is integrated from end to end” – meaning that every aspect of health care beginning with public health and ending with palliative care will be provided in one area.

In an email to the paper, HHHS president Carolyn Plummer describes a rural health hub as “a way of organizing health-related services together in a rural community to help make sure people have easy access to the care and service they need, and to provide that care in a co-ordinated and seamless way.”

The project is part of the government’s bigger plan to “build a better Ontario.”

Their Patients First: Action Plan for Health Care strives to create a “health-care system that is sustainable for generations to come” states the Office of the Premier.

The rural health hub project recognizes the shortcomings of health services provided in smaller communities, suggesting that a better Ontario includes rural Ontario.

Nearly a quarter of Ontario’s population is made up of small communities with fewer than 30,000 residents. A Rural Health Hub Advisory Committee, spearheaded by the Ontario Hospital Association and the Ontario Medical Association, created a framework to set up the hubs.

The 2015 Rural Health Hubs Framework for Ontario lists the characteristics of a rural community, including low population density, long travel times to services unavailable locally, high density of elderly or other distinct populations, difficulty in finding and retaining health care professionals. Despite these challenges, the committee identified communities that have managed to create “sustainable health-care systems through innovative local solutions” perfectly poised for a “health system transformation.”

The Haliburton Highlands is one such community. According to Plummer, the HHHS has “been on the journey” of becoming a hub for several years and taken many steps to initiate their transformation.

“Given our geographic location, the size of our region, our population, as well as the successes we’ve had with integration to date,” Plummer says, “we are ideally positioned to become a rural health hub.”

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This will help us take things to the next level; we are proud and excited to be helping to lead the way in shaping rural health care in Ontario.

—HHHS CEO CAROLYN PLUMMER

Nevertheless, this is still a “big step” for HHHS, says Plummer.

“This will help us take things to the next level; we are proud and excited to be helping to lead the way in shaping rural health care in Ontario.”

The next level will become clearer as funding and community needs are assessed.

“One of the guiding principles of rural health hubs is that they are unique to their communities – designed by and for the communities they serve,” says Plummer.

Security upgrades at bases across Haliburton County to cost about \$9,000

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“This software would allow us to manage the doors and key FOBs remotely in real time from anywhere with an Internet connection. The system provides multiple reports on system access. A benefit of the software is that it is scalable. This would allow for the possibility of future additional county-owned buildings to be controlled by the software for no additional cost.”

The price tag for upgrading the entranceways at the Minden, Haliburton and Tory Hills EMS is estimated at about \$9,000.

Jones told councillors an additional benefit would be the ability to track who is coming and going from the building in real time, another security precaution.

“It definitely makes for a more accountable system,” he said.

“It’s shocking that we don’t have any security,” said Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge.

“They are locked. I want to emphasize that,” Jones said.

The committee supported the recommendation. Motions from the county’s advisory committees are taken to county council for final approval, where they typically pass.

Total fire ban in Haliburton County

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The fire chiefs of Haliburton County’s four lower-tier townships met on the morning of Aug. 10 and have issued a total fire ban for the entire municipality.

“In consultation with the MNRF, it has been determined that extremely dry conditions as well as the forecasted rain amounts have necessitated a complete fire ban in our area,” reads a release from fire services.

This means no open-air burning in the townships of Minden Hills, Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands or Highlands East, at any time of the day or night, until further notice.

It means no bonfires and also no fireworks.

Failure to comply with the ban can result in fines of up to \$50,000, and/or a year in jail.

If fire services have to be dispatched, residents will be invoiced for those services.

Driver clocked at 181 km by OPP

On August 11, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. an officer from the Haliburton Highlands OPP attempted to stop a motor vehicle on County Road 503 in the Municipality of Highlands East.

The vehicle was clocked at 181 km/h in a posted 80 km/h zone. The vehicle did not immediately stop for police.

The officer followed the suspect vehicle and a stop was made at Donroy Road and County Road 503. During the investigation a radar detector was located and seized.

Charged is a 45-year-old man from Toronto. He is charged with:

Stunt driving.

Fail to stop for police.

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The driver’s licence was suspended and his vehicle impounded for seven days.

He is to appear in the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on November 3, 2016 to answer to the charges.

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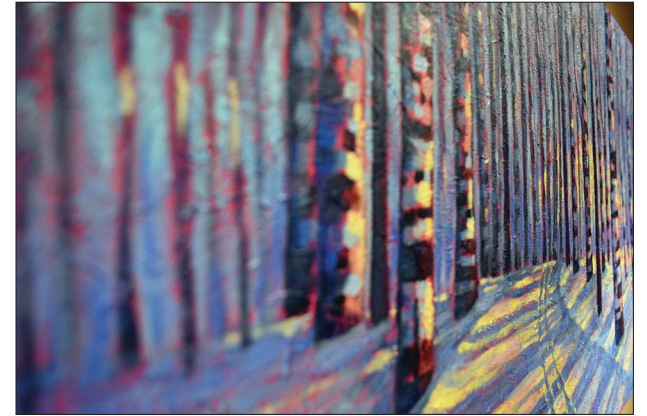
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Art tour of Highlands East

Susan Hay, right, a retired nurse who was a self-taught painter before she refined her skills at summer art courses, shows people her paintings at her studio during the first day of the 14th annual Highlands East Studio Tour last Saturday. Hay has painted for 15 years and works in acrylic, depicting mainly landscapes in the Highlands. She cottaged here for 10 years before moving here full time a year ago with her husband. The tour continues this weekend from Aug. 20 to 21 and is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See www.highlandseastartour.com for more information on other artists and their studio locations.

Below, a close up of a painting by Susan Hay. DARREN LUM Staff



Boat races returning to Haliburton

JENN WATT

Editor

The village of Haliburton is sure to be buzzing when the Haliburton Power Boat Races come back to town for a second year Aug. 20 to 21.

The speed boat event, which includes hydro, T-boats and runabouts, will fill Head Lake with action starting on Saturday morning.

On Friday evening, Aug. 19, things get started with a meet and greet allowing boating enthusiasts and curious minds to get up close to see the powerful machines. You can meet the racers and their vessels on Friday at the government docks from 7 to 8 p.m.

Organizer Barb Hammond said the event is a financial boon to the town, bringing an exciting sport to the region and has a charitable aspect.

Local sponsors have come forward to help the event out including RPM and Youngdale Fuels and Hammond points out there have been many local businesses and institutions helping make the races happen.

More than 38 local businesses have sponsored the event in one way or another, she said.

New this year is a beer tent, which is being run by the hospital auxiliary with proceeds benefitting local health care. The Lions Club will be selling food, with 100 per cent of their sales going to that service club. Into the Blue Bakery will be making pizzas and donating \$2 per pizza to the auxiliary. There will also be a raffle happening at the auxiliary tent.

"We're hoping to raise \$5,000," Hammond said.

The event is free and spectators are reminded to come by the tent, which will be set-up in Head Lake Park near Rails End Gallery, to pick up a free program and get a goodie bag.

"Every spectator gets a copy of the program," says Hammond, noting the booklets have terminology and rules of boat racing, which will help understand the sport.

Hammond said she got involved in the races because her son races hydro boats. She explains that it is a family event with participants from as young as seven to as old as 75.

There will also be a special race for women who have never been in a race boat before.

The Haliburton Power Boat Races is a Canadian Boating Federation sanctioned event, which means it's professionally run. Last year, the federation awarded Haliburton the Best Race of 2015.

"It's pretty important for Haliburton to be recognized and put on the map," she said.

Spectators can check out the races in Haliburton on Saturday, Aug. 20 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, Aug. 21 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Awards for Saturday will be given out Sunday morning at 10.)

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Steady, gentle rain needed for good berry crops

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the last 26 years," she said. "We've had dry summers before, that's just the reality of farming, but the combined very high temperatures and extended lack of rainfall combined with a lack of snow cover and drier fall last year have compounded to make this year the driest seasons we've had that I can remember."

The farm specializes in a variety of crops, including corn, raspberries, beans, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, squash and their popular everbearing strawberries.

The crops, particularly strawberries, are bearing the brunt of the weather, with the edges of fields suffering, the growing season shortened and fruit being smaller than usual.

"Just because they don't have the water to size them up," said McLean, in regards to the size of fruit this year.

The lack of rain is having a tremendous impact, said McLean, with the farm's ponds, which are used for irrigation, drying up.

"We're running out of water really, really quickly," she said. "We've had minimal rain for months."

The silver lining of the dry weather is that the fruit that is being produced is very, very sweet, as the sugar is concentrated.

"What we have is a really great quality, it's just a matter of keeping things alive right now," said McLean. "We're trying to find solutions to keep things healthy."

In addition to the lack of rain is the issue of extreme heat, with more hot days on record.

The irrigation system in place at McLean Berry Farm particularly targets the berries, as they require a lot of water. Although there have been heavy thunderstorms throughout the region this summer, McLean says those events don't produce the type of water source that is very beneficial for farming.

"A heavy dramatic rain that comes fast and furiously may show that we've gotten rain, but it does little to help because it just runs off and can't be absorbed, especially by the dry soil," she says. "What we really need is at least a few days of a gentle, steady rain that is really able to soak in and get down to the roots which desperately need water."

In Minden, Andrew Graham of Graham's Farm Market has had similar issues battling the weather, but fortunately has an irrigation system that covers the six acres of his property that he farms.

"If we didn't invest heavily in irrigation previously we wouldn't have anything right now," said Graham. "But the drought's very beneficial in regards to how we feed our plants ... which is through highly nutritious water. So they're able to soak that up readily and then with all the sun they just grow."

Producing more than 20 types of fruits and vegetables, including zucchini, kale, cantaloupe, watermelon and more, Graham has been farming his family's land for the past three years.

Graham says during the past two years he hardly used his irrigation system, because he didn't have to.

"I've got more use out of it this year than the past two years combined, easily," he says.

He likes having the control over how much water his plants get and when.

Graham said adapting is a big part of being a farmer, as so many things are beyond your control. For instance this summer, which has turned out to be a hot one, started with a late frost in June.

In the family for generations, the farm sells most of its produce through area farmers' markets, Abbey Gardens, its CSA baskets and its farm gate.

While Graham doesn't keep track of rainfall from year to year, his cousin does, inheriting the skill from Graham's uncle, Phil Graham (who used to track weather for the *Echo's* sister publication *The Minden Times*).

Senior climatologist for Environment Canada, Dave Phillips makes a living out of tracking things like rainfall from year to year.

While it's obvious to everyone that it's been a hot and dry summer, the statistics may be alarming.

"The dry and the warm has been consistent," he said. "I would say, generally speaking it's about 120 millimetres short of what you would normally see at a period from May through Aug. 10."

Phillips said while that number shows you it's been dry, it's been even drier due to the extreme heat we've been experiencing this summer.

"Sometimes it's not the double whammy," he says. "In this case the demands for the precipitation that has fallen has been great. Every bead of moisture's being sucked up by the very dry atmosphere and by the warm air."

Phillips said it's more difficult to track if this has been the hottest summer on record, as temperatures are averaged throughout different periods of the day, (that being morning, noon and night). Because we were still experiencing cool temperatures in the evenings in May and June, the results are a bit skewed.

What he does know is this summer has seen more days hit temperatures higher than 30 degrees Celsius than usual.

"You [the area encompassing Haliburton County] had three times as many hot days as you would normally get," he said. "You had about 15 of those, where typically you would have five, in a regular period from May 1 to Aug. 10."

Aside from having more hot days than normal, they have been hotter than just 30 degrees, sometimes hitting 33 or 34 degrees.

Phillips says most of the weekends have been dry and warm, resulting in great beer drinking weather. The weather has also been consistent, with fewer cooling off periods.

"That's one of the characteristics of this summer ... so anybody taking their holidays for a week or two weeks or a month has really not been left out in the cold ... we've all benefited from this, some a little more than others."

Looking ahead to the fall, he says the area will see more of the same, with a dry and warm fall season. This could result in less vibrant fall colours, as the trees will be stressed.

A media release from AccuWeather echoes those predictions, with senior meteorologist Brett Anderson saying rainfall will remain below average for the upcoming season, affecting fall foliage.

"Lack of rainfall and resulting stress to trees over eastern Canada could result in an early leaf fall this upcoming season, which means some early colour, but not as colourful or sustained as it normally is during peak times later in the season," said Anderson in the release.

Trees won't be the only ones stressed, as some are keeping their eyes glued to the forecasts, hoping for grey skies ahead.

"We're just keeping an eye on the forecast and hoping something changes soon because it's affecting a lot of people," said McLean. "It's really quite serious and makes you realize how important rain really is."

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We're running out of water really, really quickly. We've had minimal rain for months.

— Erin McLean



Above, one of three of ponds at McLean Berry Farms has less than a foot of water and doesn't have enough left to irrigate with. Submitted Left, Andrew Graham of Graham's Farm Market in Minden points to his irrigation system that has been helping him battle the hot, dry summer. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



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Schmale wants voters to decide new electoral system

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Jamie Schmale is launching a second constituency referendum, this one on electoral reform.

Earlier this year, Schmale held a constituency referendum on Bill C-14 – the assisted dying bill – asking residents to instruct him on how to vote on the legislation though ballots that were sent out as part the MP's household mail-out.

Schmale ended up voting in support of the bill.

This time around, the question asks residents if they believe there should be a national referendum on electoral reform.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has famously said that the 2015 federal election would be the last to use the first-past-the-post system. A special parliamentary committee has been struck to study reforming the electoral process and gather input from Canadians.

"They're doing it right now, in the dead of summer, so unless you're really interested in it, you're probably not going to pay too much attention," Schmale says.

"The other thing that was asked of us is that MPs also consult people in the riding and that feedback would go to the special committee," he continues, explaining the mail-out ballot is his way of performing that consultation. "There's multiple ways to sort of take the temperature of people in the riding. I find this a good way to reach a large number of people in a short period of time in a fairly geographically spread out area."

In the past, Trudeau has indicated support for ranked ballots, a fairly complicated electoral system where voters rank their candidate choices from most preferred



The MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock Jamie Schmale answers questions about the proposal for a referendum for electoral reform with the Minden Times and Haliburton Echo reporter Chad Ingram, as a camera operator with CPAC, the Cable Public Affairs Channel, records the interview at the Haliburton County Farmers' Market on Tuesday, Aug. 9 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton./DARREN LUM Staff

to least preferred. In a ranked ballot system, if a candidate achieves a majority – more than 50 per cent of the vote – that candidate wins. If the leading candidate does not receive more than 50 per cent of the vote, then the least popular candidate is removed from the running and the second choice votes from those ballots are allotted to other candidates. Because the Liberal party occupies the middle of the Canadian political spectrum, some electoral experts have suggested a ranked ballot system would be most advantageous for the Liberal party.

"The Liberals committed in the election to change the electoral system, the issue we have is they didn't say which one," Schmale says, contrasting that with the NDP and Green party, who also want electoral reform, but

who openly support mixed-member proportional representation.

"To have the government of the day make a decision on what they're changing the electoral system to, instead of actually asking the people if this is OK with them, I think is a path you don't want to go down."

While he says no electoral system is perfect, the Conservative MP is personally an advocate of the existing, single-member plurality system, which he says has served the country well for a century and a half.

Residents should watch for the blue and white mail-outs. The constituency referendum will also be promoted online.

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Voting change

JAMIE SCHMALE IS RIGHT: the last thing you want to think about in the middle of a sunny, hot summer is electoral reform. And yet, this summer, that's just what he wants constituents to think about.

Our MP announced last week that he will be asking riding residents whether they think there should be a referendum on electoral reform. Despite not being personally in favour of changing the system, Schmale says he's asking the question in response to the Liberal government's electoral reform committee, which is examining election models and other concerns including the idea of online voting.

While the timing may not be the greatest, the questions being asked are incredibly important.

It takes only a cursory scan of vote tallies in any given Canadian election to see the government we get rarely reflects the diversity of views expressed through our ballots.

For example, according to CBC, in the last election 25 of the MPs elected received less than one-third of the votes in their riding; more than 60 per cent of voters did not want those candidates. But in first past the post, whoever gets the most votes wins.

Taken with a wider view, we see those parties with broad appeal across Canada can lose out to those with concentrated support.

"In the 2015 federal election,

for example, the Liberals won every seat across the four Atlantic provinces; the Conservatives and NDP were blanked out despite the backing of 37 per cent of the region's voters between them," writes Simon Fraser University associate professor Andrew Heard in his online rundown of electoral reform.

Several provinces in recent years have held their own plebiscites on the subject, none of which led to change.

This could be because getting into the meat of reform is a confusing, time-consuming process with no clear answer. The system we have in place today is widely understood and has returned predictable, if at times unrepresentative, governments. Sometimes it seems better to leave the imperfect system alone when faced with uncertain alternatives.

However, alternatives do exist and are working quite well around the world. New Zealand and Germany both have systems that include a proportional representation component. Ireland and the Australian senate use a single transferable vote.

All of this is to say, despite the pleasant weather beckoning us to the docks and parks, it's worth engaging in this process. Changing the way we choose our government is a monumental shift in our democracy and one that requires our attention – even on warm summer days.



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Editorial



Head Lake reading

by Darren Lum

The blue eyed chickadee

IN THE QUIET VILLAGE of Haliburton there lives a pretty little chickadee with big blue eyes and beautiful feathers. She has a heart as wide as the world.

Blue eyed chickadee loves to bake pies and make cheesecake and she is a really great reader. She has a best friend who also had a big heart and a great tan. Tanned chickadee loves to dance and make cards.

These two happy little chickadees have a friendship that spans more than 30 years. Their friendship is based on 10,000 hours of small talk, no talk, walking quietly, talking about nothing, talking about everything and sharing many adventures with their friends and families. They both have the best families and friends. Blue eyed chickadee and Tanned chickadee have helped each other raise children. They've comforted each other in times of sadness and stress. They've created so many "Canadian Living" dinners complete with delicious food, wine, fresh flowers, good music and a beautiful view. They easily delight themselves. It's a friendship that is so deep in their cells it is felt beyond words.

One day Blue eyed chickadee left to go on a long trip to visit her relatives in a far away country. She was so excited to go and Tanned chickadee was so happy for her. She knew Blue eyed chickadee would have many big and great and small adventures and would come back with so many stories that will be told for the rest of their lives. Tanned chickadee watched her pack her bags and organize her snacks for the trip and eventually get into her car and head on her big adventure. Tanned chickadee sent her off with so much love. Blue eyed chickadee spent a long time on an airplane and landed in a country where they speak another

language. She went strongly into her adventure with her family. Tanned chickadee stayed behind and continued to lead her quiet life filled with lots of small and big things. She worked and played and explored and had lots of adventures. She knew she would have many stories to tell her friend when she returned.

Blue eyed chickadee had been gone for about 6 days when Tanned chickadee was home alone one night and it hit her how much she misses her sweet little friend: her cheery phone calls, her little email notes, her good coffee, her offer to share a glass of wine or go for a walk saying nothing, and her invitations to come to dinner saying "just bring yourselves." It is the quiet companionship that Tanned chickadee misses most of all. It is the 10,000 little moments of kindness and caring that she remembers about

her friend.

Blue eyed chickadee will return from her adventure soon and Tanned chickadee has been reminded that she can never take the friends and family that are around her for granted. She remembers that it is so important to tell and show them how much she loves them on a regular basis. And it's important to say thank you for all the little and big things that they do to make her feel loved, appreciated and important. Tanned chickadee realizes that it is the relationships in her life that make her life rich and meaningful. She might think she wants more money or more fame, but what she really loves and appreciates are the relationships that she has. What a great thing to remember.

Tanned chickadee will have some extra snacks ready for Blue eyed chickadee when she comes home. They will have lots to talk about.



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points of view

Boat launching the right way

LAST WEEK I WROTE an educational piece about the wrong way to launch a boat. It touched upon various proven techniques for jackknifing a trailer, driving over things that shouldn't be driven over, and generally avoiding witnesses or at least denying any wrongdoing once confronted by them.

This week, I will divulge some of the more advanced techniques I personally use to launch my own fishing boat.

Bear in mind, these techniques are designed to convince other anglers at the launch and people who live on the lake that you are not a threat to the local fish population. The general outcome of all this is twofold. First, it causes both groups to speak to you in a slower, louder voice, which is of value if your outboard is hard

to hear over. Second, it also means they will not complain if you crowd them in their fishing spots or hook their dock or waterline while fishing since they are happy to see someone like you "doing your best."

Though the technique I'm about to disclose is one I have been working on for several years, it was only perfected last week at the launch. Otherwise, I would have shared it sooner.

To get the full effect, you need to make the attempt to launch your boat solo. As we all know, when most people do



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this we tie a 15 or 20 foot line to the front of the boat. The other end of the line is then tied to the front of the trailer and set so it can pay out effortlessly. That way when we back in and the boat floats off of the trailer the line extends fully yet the boat remains attached to the trailer. Then, when the boat stops, you gently drive forward and tow the boat to shore.

It's hard to screw this up. But, last week, I'm proud to say, I found a way. Who would have thought that forgetting to complete the knot at the trailer end would have yielded such impressive results?

Certainly not me. This did not occur to me even as my boat floated nicely off of my trailer. It was only when I stopped my SUV and proudly watched the 20-foot line pay out 35 feet that I realized that I might be onto something.

Even as I parked my car on the ramp, emptied my pockets of cellphone, car keys and wallet, and began wading for the boat which was now being carried off by a stiff wind, I was not entirely sure, however.

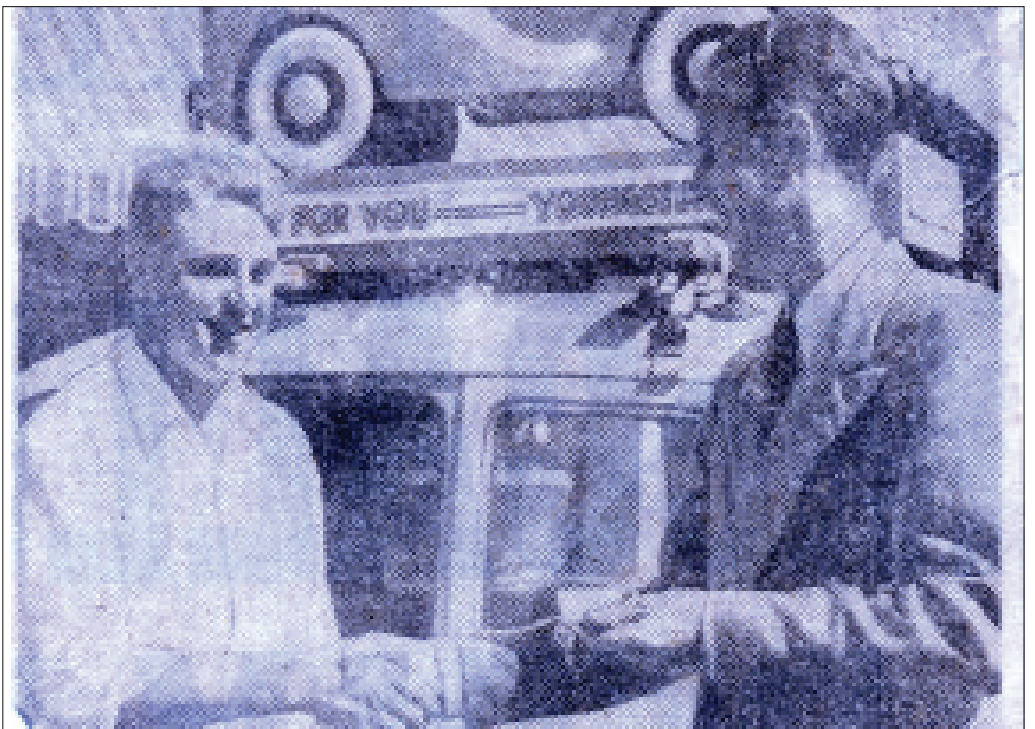
When I got neck deep though, and finally caught the trailing rope, the genius of this technique struck me and several witnesses who merely shook their heads and opened their eyes in wide wonder. I believe there might have been a standing ovation thrown in as well.

Let me tell you, the only way I could have felt prouder of that launch was if I had the boat plug in my pocket – which, sadly, I did not.

In any case, for the rest of my time at that lake, other anglers steered wide of me, except for one who wondered if I caught any nice fish but quickly left before I could show him the two I had on my stringer.

Later I realized that the sun and wind had dried out my shirt long before the front of my shorts.

Talk about genius.



pic of the past

This clipping was brought in by Eileen Stamp. The caption on the photo reads: "All smiles Brent Stamp of West Guilford stands in front of the car he won with draw ticket as Dr. J. Beaton, representing the Kinsman Club of Lindsay, presents him with the key and licence." Eileen told the paper that he paid 25 cents for the ticket from a boy on the street and paid the Kinsmen \$1 for the licence and insurance.

letters to the editor

Kind hearted treatment of moose calf

To the Editor,

About a week ago, we were traveling on Highway 118 toward Haliburton to visit friends there. We had been driving for nearly 10 hours and were running late.

Suddenly in front of us I saw a truck stopped in the right lane, its emergency flashers blinking red in the night.

I felt vaguely irritated; why was this guy in the middle of the road? Couldn't he at least have pulled over onto the shoulder so traffic could get by?

An arm out the window motioned us on, and I passed slowly. As I looked back, I saw a man on the side of the road lit by the headlights of the truck feeding a moose calf. Late or not, I pulled to the shoulder and walked back toward the man. The calf stood calmly at his side, allowing the man to pet its nose.

The man had seen the calf trying to cross the road and stopped on the highway to protect it from being hit. He would wait, he told me, all night if necessary to make sure the calf made it safely into the woods. All this time the calf looked at us without alarm or fear.

Just about the time you give up on people something extraordinary happens. This man was not some soft-headed tourist but a local who had lived in the area his entire life and genuinely appreciated the beauty of the land he lives on and the animals he shares it with.

I would like to thank him for his kindness and compassion, which, for a moment at least, made me stop and realize that there are lots of things more important than getting to a destination on time.

Don Sawyer



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Robert Bateman says goodbye to a piece of Haliburton

ANGELA LONG

Staff Reporter

First, a long, pointed beak appeared, then a single yellow eye. Next, it was a curve of neck, and feathers – blue-grey, charcoal, white – alive in the play of light, and the love of a naturalist. Robert Bateman stood behind, holding the corners of a print nearly as large as he was. For a moment, he raised his head above the great blue heron's back.

"This is scrap," he said.

The 36 members of his three-day Passions and Practices workshop at the Haliburton School of Art and Design moved closer. They removed camera lenses, aimed iPads.

"I'll cut it up later and you can take the pieces home as souvenirs," Bateman said of the artist's proof FedExed to his cottage that morning that wasn't "quite right."

The students kept clicking. Bateman smiled.

In just a few days, Bateman will leave behind more than just the pieces of a great blue heron. He and his wife and fellow artist Birgit Freybe Bateman will fly from Toronto to Vancouver, returning to their home on Saltspring Island, something they've done countless times over the decades they've been coming to the Haliburton Highlands together. But this time is different.

Today, in the heart of a traditional log cabin of white pine and cedar, Birgit writes emails to family: "Was it this rocking chair or that rocking chair you wanted?"

"We're in the throes of de-acquisitioning," says Robert.

Bouquets of wildflowers decorate wooden tables – Queen Anne's lace, goldenrod, blueweed. The smell of sun-warmed cedar fills the room. Light pours from the cathedral ceiling to the well-worn floor.

The Buck Slides cottage just went up for sale. ReMax calls it "Robert Bateman's Haliburton oasis that inspired some of his most famous paintings."

But it's more than that. The cottage forms part of nearly 80 years of history in the Haliburton Highlands. In *Boshkung*, Robert's youngest brother Ross, who is also a painter and former art teacher, writes of the "little hilltop cottage called Wildwood" on the south end of Boshkung Lake that the Batemans rented in the summer of 1938. What followed was an unbroken chain of summers on Boshkung, then a place of elderberry bushes, iceboxes, wild raspberries, sheep farms and the "call of a whip-poor-will."

"It was the beginning of cottage culture," says Robert.

It was the beginning of Robert's career as a young artist, a place where he set off into the hills with his Group-of-Seven-inspired wooden case filled with oil paints, palettes and 12 x 16" masonite boards, where he "wandered around looking for a composition that had rhythms going through it."

The Haliburton Highlands, it turns out, are filled with many such rhythms.

"Coming here is one of the most important parts of my life," Robert says.

Even though Ross is just 10 minutes away at the family cottage on Boshkung, a cottage the Batemans have owned since 1946, there's "a certain elegiac feeling hanging over me," Robert says. However, "ties are not being untied."

Badminton rackets poke out of a basket. Cross country skis lean against a wall. A Minto canoe lays overturned on a deck beside a jade-coloured pond. Greenery fills the spaces between rock and sky. The sound of flowing water fills the spaces between Robert's words.



'This says it all,' Robert Bateman says as he stands in front of his cottage. Traditional log cabin, canoe paddles, a splash of nature. In just a few days, ReMax will be showing potential buyers around the Buck Slides property.

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The most important thing behind a piece of art is thought.

— Robert Bateman

"Call me Bob," he'd said earlier on the telephone.

But it's difficult to call a man who is an Officer of the Order of Canada, the recipient of 13 honorary doctorates and countless awards, and the namesake of three schools "Bob." The Audubon Society calls him one of the 20th century's "heroes of conservation." Sandra Dupret, the dean of the Haliburton School of Art and Design, calls him an "art rock star."

In a previous interview with the *Echo*, Dupret also called Bateman the "quintessential Canadian artist." Known as an artist whose work appeals to the masses, and whose reproductions are affordable to the masses (not always a trait admired by what Bateman has called the "priesthood" of the art world), Dupret said "even if you work in more conceptual or edgy stuff, artists still appreciate what Robert Bateman is bringing to the art world."

When Bateman opened The Robert Bateman Centre in Victoria in 2013, the *Globe and Mail* wrote: "The art snobs may sneer, but the people will come."

And the people came to Bateman's Passions and Practices workshop, filling up within days of opening for registration. From Aug. 9 to 11, the students spent hours listening to stories and philosophies, and watching Bateman work live on a demonstration painting of a wolf at Buck Slides (a painting, incidentally, which sold for \$18,000 at the HSAD Faculty Art Auction on Aug. 11).

"I guess I didn't scare anyone away,"



Bateman holds up a print he intends to cut up and distribute to the class. Bateman, right, and one of the 36 students of Passions and Practices hold up the prints noting elements that "aren't quite right," according to Bateman's high standards. The class took place from August 9 until August 11 at the Haliburton School of Art and Design.

Bateman said at the beginning of Day Two's class, then launched into an explanation of how he orchestrates a painting. He hummed the rhythm of his work process from beginning to end.

"I don't believe in normal workshops," he said.

Nor does he believe in being politically correct.

At the Art Talk later that day, he told the jam-packed Great Hall, "This is going to get politically incorrect."

By then, he'd told the crowd he was wearing his "painting shoes" by mistake, and held up a paint-speckled Birkenstock from the '80s. He'd proclaimed his love for Haliburton and the HSAD. He'd introduced his wife, his two brothers and sisters-in-law, his nephew. He'd said that after the Art Talk "I'll sign anything you want me to." By then, the crowd was laughing, straining forward in their seats. They were ready for whatever Bateman threw their way, whatever his so-called "rants" brought forth – the preservation of heritage housing, the meaning of art, the plight of the environment, the superiority of all things English.

He clicked through slide after slide – post-cards of a life of travel, of examining the smallest feather, of painting "thought."

"The most important thing behind a

piece of art is thought," he said.

Cape buffalo in Africa. Polar bear in Antarctica. Cliff swallows circling a stone bridge.

"Is the bridge still there?" he asked the audience. "The old Highway 35, just north of Minden?"

Woodpecker on Boshkung. A Minto canoe.

Robert points to the same green canoe now overturned on the deck.

"The Canadian Canoe Museum will come pick that up on Monday," he says.

Beyond the pond lies the path from which he first discovered this property in the early '80s, the path beside a waterfall in a landscape he calls "absolutely beyond Walt Disney pretty." He'd been painting the waterfall, close to one of his family's favourite picnic spots, and got up to stretch.

"I started walking upstream and here's this little pond with a little beaver dam, and a cliff dropping into the pond, and then I saw a 'for sale' sign. I said 'What? This is owned by God, it can't be for sale.'"

In the wood shed, Robert surveys an old barbecue, a couple of bicycles, a small pile of firewood.

"Here's where the broad axe hit; a

see ARTIST page 9



From Aug. 9 to Aug. 11, 36 students immersed themselves in Robert Bateman's Passions and Practices course at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. His demonstration painting of a wolf on Buck Slides, left, was donated to the Faculty Art Auction on Aug. 11.

Artist sells Haliburton County cottage

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record of that moment in 1894," he says, stroking one of the pine beams salvaged from the barn on Boshkung where Robert and his brothers once played as children.

From this perspective, Bateman admires the cabin, what he describes as a combination of Swiss, Bavarian and early Quebec. A heavy-lidded box painted with a "Mozart-days motif" holds their garbage cans. The 200-year-old front door is topped by a lintel molded from a plaster cast he and Birgit brought back from a year of living in Bavaria. The "cluster of freshly caught fish" suits Haliburton, says Robert.

"I like my world to be surrounded by things that have meaning," he says and opens the front door.

Birgit continues to type. Robert settles into a chair, looking toward the stone fireplace filled with freshly split logs ready for someone else to light. To the right, three lion cubs look into the distance, not looking back – a old print Bateman calls "worthless."

After three non-stop days of teaching, giving talks, attending dinners and

auctions, and signing autographs, you'd think an 86-year-old might be tired.

"One thing I don't particularly enjoy is leisure," he says.

He already misses his class, calling the experience one of the greatest of his teaching career.

"On the last day," he says. "I had the feeling I was with family."

Family is important to Robert. He has five children, 10 grandchildren. He and Birgit just celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary.

"Everything is better with Birgit right with me," he says.

When it's time to take photos, it's time for Robert Bateman, the artist whose paintings hang in royal palaces, to take charge. He looks for the right pool of August light, the right hue of cliff face, the right composition of nature and man.

"This sums it all up," he says back-dropped by the cabin's white pine, canoe paddles propped against the side. To the right, a palette of forest shimmers against Canadian Shield, illuminating the shadows.

"This is me," he says, and turns to face the camera.



Ross Bateman stands in front of the family cottage on Boshkung Lake with a canoe paddle painted by his brother, Robert, when he was a little boy. The family has been coming to the Haliburton Highlands since 1938 and purchased this cottage in 1946.

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Art for a cause

Right, Jim Nelson takes bidders for this framed print by Al Van Mill displayed by Emma Fleury. All money raised during the HSAD Faculty Auction goes to student bursaries. More than \$30,000 was raised over the evening on Aug. 11.

Below, in addition to the 65 works sold at live auction, 28 pieces were up for bidding at the silent auction at this year's HSAD Faculty Auction. Dean Sandra Dupret thanked the staff and volunteers for making the fundraiser possible through their labour and donations.

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Elizabeth O'Connor shows off a faculty demonstration ceramic pitcher with flower pattern during the annual auction at the college. JENN WATT Staff

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Driving for fun and a cause

A participant finishes descending a rock wall in the off-road 101 course on "Anson Mountain" trail in Minden during the 12th annual Camp Northern Lights Charity Trailfest, which drew more than 300 people and close to 125 off-road vehicles from all over Ontario to the Southwind Motel in Minden from Thursday, Aug. 11 to Sunday, Aug. 14. Organized by the Ontario Federation of 4 Wheel Drive (OF4WD) recreationists, this annual event is the organization's biggest event and helps raise money not just for the OF4WD, but also for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation to show appreciation to our community. There has been more than \$64,000 donated by this organization through this event, which included guided tours, off-road driver training, catered food, entertainment and prizes./DARREN LUM Staff

New home for this year's garlic festival

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Staff Reporter

The annual Haliburton County Garlic Festival has a new home – Abbey Gardens in West Guilford.

"We're ecstatic, as is Abbey Gardens, to have a partnership between the garlic growers association and Abbey Gardens," says Ron Reid of the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association.

The association's ninth annual garlic festival will take place Sunday, Aug. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"Because we're at Abbey Gardens, the festival can have

other components to it," Reid says. "They have the staff, they have the property."

There will be children's educational workshops and gardening demonstrations in the gardens, including by the Haliburton County Master Gardeners.

There will be a garlic-braiding workshop, as well as cooking demonstrations. Into The Blue Bakery will do a demo on wood-fired pizza and Marilynne Lesperance of the Minden Food Hub will conduct a class on cooking with garlic.

There will be entertainment and vendors selling garlic, baked good, preserves, maple syrup, native plants and artisans' wares.

"Ninety per cent of them are vendors from the county," Reid says.

The Stanhope Firefighters Association will also host a fundraiser barbecue on site.

There are accessible washrooms and parking and admission are both free.

Abbey Gardens is located at 1012 Garden Gate Dr. off of Highway 118 just outside West Guilford, 12 kilometres east of Carnarvon and 12 kilometres west of Haliburton Village.

For more information, contact Sheila Robb at 705-489-4201.



Alberta residents win Rotary raffle

Eight-year old Ryerson Harriss checks out the 2016 Camaro that he volunteered to draw the winning ticket for at the Rotary Club of Haliburton's annual carnival on Wednesday, August 3. Haliburton Rotarian Diane Smith, left, husband Dick Smith, Rotary Club of Haliburton president Richard vanNood and Rotary car chairperson Mark Dennys are all smiles at the Rotary Pavillion in Head Lake Park as Dennys presents Smith with a cheque for \$30,000 dollars on Monday, August 15. The Smiths are accepting the cheque on behalf of their son Paul and wife Tanya, residents of Leduc, Alberta. Paul reacted to the news with 'Oh, my gosh!' over and over again, says his mother. It took the couple one week to decide to take the cash instead of the car./ANGELA LONG Staff

Provincial championships comes to Sir Sam's

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Potential future Olympians are coming to the Highlands in a few weeks when Sir Sam's Ski and Ride hosts its first mountain biking provincial championships on Sept. 11.

Organized by Superfly Racing and presented by Plasti-gas, this event is the seventh and last in the Scott Ontario Cup Mountain Bike Race Series, which hosts events throughout Ontario during the spring and summer. After seven years of hosting O-cup races, this will be Sir Sam's first provincial championship.

Sir Sam's Ski and Ride owner Chris Bishop said getting to host the provincial championships for the first time makes it clear his family's facility can handle an event of this magnitude and has the trails to challenge the best riders in Ontario.

He has been told repeatedly by O-cup competitors about the "premiere" venue of all the O-cup stops and how much they like the experience at the Eagle Lake facility, which has to do with everything from the camping, the trails to the dinner provided.

Unique to Sir Sam's, he said, is how much of the riders the spectators get to see during the race.

"Most places you go you see them start for 10 seconds and then you see them finish for 10 seconds. On our trails you can watch them go up and down the hill. You can see them for minutes on end so you can get a better feel for what they're actually riding because it's so accessi-



Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake is hosting its first mountain biking provincial championships on Sept. 11 and offers great places for spectators to watch the action, which includes the deck in front of the hill. This is the last competition for the Scott Ontario Cup Mountain Bike Race Series and will have hundreds of competitors./Staff

ble," he said.

He adds spectators are welcome to see the race from the elevated deck and along the race course.

Course designer and Haliburton rookie elite rider with Arrow Racing, Owen Flood is excited about the opportunity to race in front of family and friends. Although the 19-year-old hasn't enjoyed much notable success, he welcomes the support to spur him on to finish the season well and believes the more people come the more enjoyable it will be.

"You always want to perform when you're on your home course ... there is always extra motivation to keep pushing and sometimes the adrenaline will get going a little more and have a better race for sure being on your home course, having people you know cheering you on," he said.

His best finish this year on the O-cup is 20th.

He welcomes the public to the event, which is free admission, that will showcase the best in the province and hopefully encourage others to enjoy the sport he loves. The course, he said, is similar to what you would see at the world cup level, which includes a variety of features and challenges that will test riders and impress spectators.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School recent graduate said Sir Sam's was instrumental to his racing career, whether it was connecting him with former staff

member Dave Webb, who acted as his riding mentor or enabling him to train at the hill.

Flood, who has ridden for Arrow for four years as a cadet, said there will be former national champions in the elite categories and past world championship competitors from the past summer.

"It'll be a cool experience, lining up with those guys," he said.

Watch for Highlands teen and junior expert (17 to 18 years) Nicholas Emsley, who is another local rider competing in this year's competition. He is racing for AWI Racing.

Riders will range in skill and age, starting at nine in the squirt division and up to 59 with the master expert men. They are categorized first by age and then by their riding abilities with elite being the best. Riders earn points with their finish results to move up to the next ability category.

Pre-riding, as some teams will come earlier than the weekend of the event, will be taking place in the weeks and days leading up to the event.

Although teams and competitors will be at Sir Sam's from Friday evening or Saturday, the races will start with youth at 9 a.m., mainly sport racers at 10 a.m., expert and sport, including singlespeed men at 11:45 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. with the elites and experts.

See www.superflyracing.com for more information.

Kids kick it up

Right, participants from 10 to 12-years-old start their warm-up run, chasing ball carriers as part of a drill at the Haliburton Soccer Club's youth recreation soccer on Tuesday evening at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. Recreation soccer is available for children from four and up and also adults. See www.halsoccer.org for more information./DARREN LUM



Youth soccer players from 10 to 12-years-old run through a dribbling and chasing drill at the Haliburton Soccer Club's youth recreation soccer on Tuesday evening at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton.

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Extending the five lives of five-lined skink

Ruth E. Walker

Special to the Echo

Skinks are not salamanders or short snakes with four legs. Skinks are lizards found throughout North America. A Haliburton skink has five stripes from nose to tail but those stripes fade as the skinks get older (kind of like our memories). Male skinks have bright orange jaws and chins. These small ground dwellers have species at risk status in Haliburton County. So, in the interest of species conservation, here are five-lives tips for our friends the skinks:

1. Always avoid exotic pet hunters. You are Ontario's only lizard and you better hide when unscrupulous folk try to satisfy lizard-longing terrarium owners.
2. Keep a low profile around dogs, cats and raccoons. You are busy predators, snacking endlessly on insects, worms or even other invertebrates but you have to watch out for the 'big guys.'
3. Stick to rocky outcroppings in mixed forests of conifers and deciduous trees. Loose rocks provide you with nesting and food sources but this habitat also has great hiding spots when needed (see #1 and #2.)
4. Teen skinks should wear camouflage. Unlike tattoos, you juveniles have bright blue tails that fade as you age.

Sassy teen skinks know those tails detach when pounced on by predators.

5. Wear a sign that says, "I'm a species at risk in Haliburton County."

I guess the skinks won't be reading this newsletter. If we want this species at risk to survive and thrive, it is up to us. Those cute Inukshuks all over Haliburton County? Those are skink habitats you are messing with. "Think skink" before you move protective loose rocks on the ground.

Ruth E. Walker is an award-winning Ontario writer and has a cabin tucked between the Burnt and Drag Rivers in The Haliburton Highlands. She is an active member of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is a volunteer-led, not-for-profit, non-governmental organization and registered environmental charity. Its mission is to protect the natural heritage of The Haliburton Highlands for future generations. Visit www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca for more information.

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The five-lined skink is a lizard species native to Haliburton County and on the province's list of species at risk. /Photo submitted

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Falls Prevention course beneficial to all seniors

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Education is one way to preventing falls says, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services, which is welcoming seniors (55 and older) to take a free 12-week Falls Prevention Class, starting Sept. 12.

At the start, every participant will have their physical abilities assessed by an occupational therapist to determine a baseline. In subsequent weeks students will work towards improvement and learn how to prevent falls. This offering is aimed at people 55 and older and adults with disabilities.

Jane Grieves, one of two instructors for the course, said it's important seniors, who would otherwise not think they are susceptible to falling, to not just being more aware and educated, but to be prepared in the case of a fall.

"That's the biggest problem with people in denial ... you don't wait. When you are a fall risk or as you age and you have different factors going on. You have a plan in place before it happens and guess what? If it doesn't happen, wonderful," she said.

The personal trainer with a degree in kinesiology who has helped lead the class since it started a few years ago, adds the most

important thing is acceptance of the plan by everyone involved, which she said is vital when it comes to couples where one could be more at risk than another.

While some individuals choose to use a mobile phone, there are others who would be well served using the "call button" services, which notifies emergency responders if you're conscious or not. This kind of service is available through Community Support Services.

The 12 weeks are divided into theoretical and physical education.

Grieves and another instructor will not only educate, but also lead students in exercises to strengthen and improve their balance, including teaching techniques such as how to pick things up from the floor safely and how to get up after falling.

She said some seniors are at greater risk to fall than others.

This includes individuals with osteoporosis, or those who are on more than four types of medications.

"A lot of people don't know this kind of thing and that is some of the stuff that we teach in the course. Are you a high risk? Lack of confidence can automatically make you a higher risk to falls," she said.

Besides being knowledgeable about falling, the fear of falling can increase risk.

Other things such as individuals with joint issues can also be susceptible to falling.

The community outreach co-ordinator for HHHS Nancy Brownsberger said this education is important for people in their 50s.

"I think what's really important is the education piece to learn how you actually can fall. As we get older cognition becomes more impaired even at 55 plus. Vision changes. Hearing changes. Our senses are changing and our physical acuity, our ability to be in space and time is altered because of that," she said.

She adds, it's not uncommon to hear about how a fall has left a person with a fractured hip, which can lead to other health issues.

Ideally, Brownsberger said, they hope the 12-week participants will complete this course and move on to the drop-in Balanced Fitness classes offered weekly in Minden and Haliburton.

There is chair yoga from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Monday, Thursday and Friday at the Hyland Crest auditorium; chair fitness is from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Ruth Parkes Room at the Haliburton Hospital. In Minden, the chair fitness is from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Fireside Lounge/Auditorium at Hyland Crest.

All classes as scheduled –please confirm with instructor. Brownsberger said the chair yoga class is "flexibility based program." Participants will be asked to perform slow stretching movements to improve flexibility all while seated.

She described chair fitness as "light cardio" and includes a strength and balance component. It is performed seated and standing, but some individuals can choose to remain seated.

"It is very geared to ability fitness class," she said.

Brownsberger said these classes are a nice "cross referral piece" for clients who were referred by doctors at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, the physiotherapy department, the geriatric assessment and intervention department, or the various community partners such as the Central East Community Care Access Centre.

"We're all working together in tandem for a community based program for our clients ... it's an extension of the circle of care," she said.

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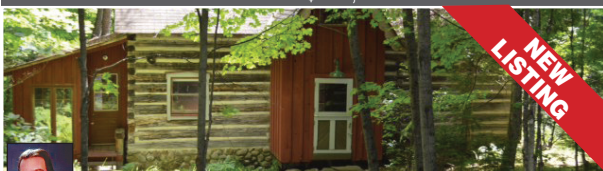
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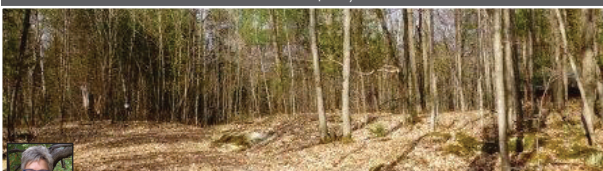
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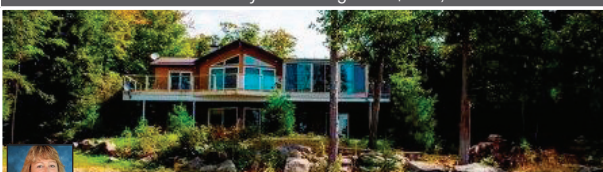
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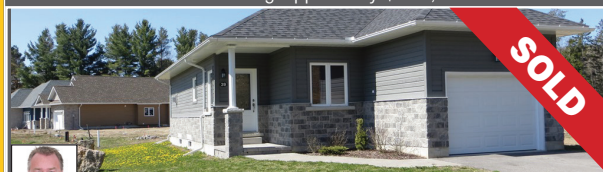
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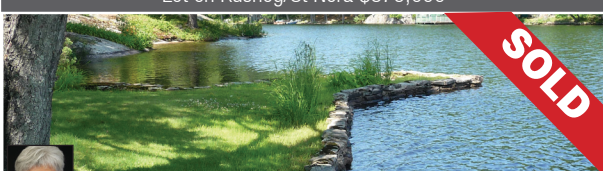
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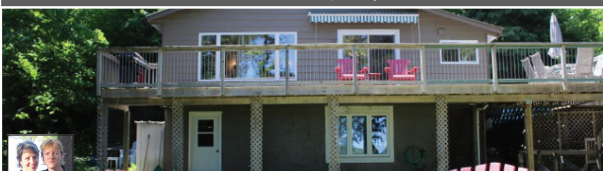
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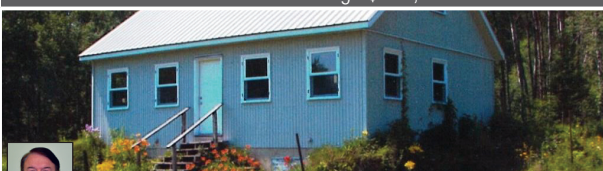
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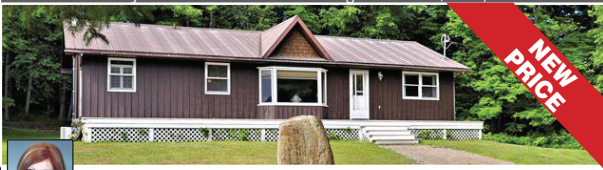
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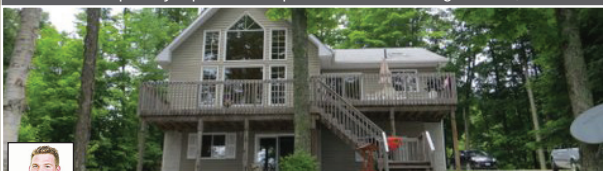
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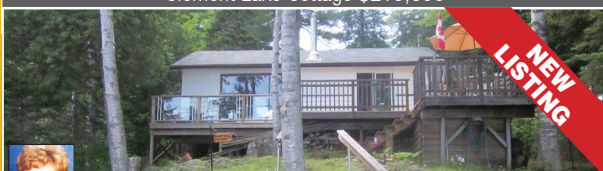
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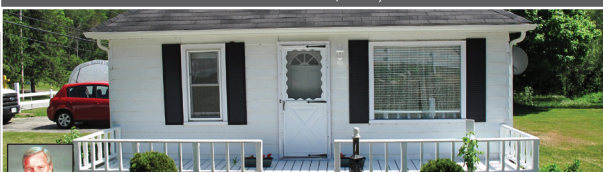
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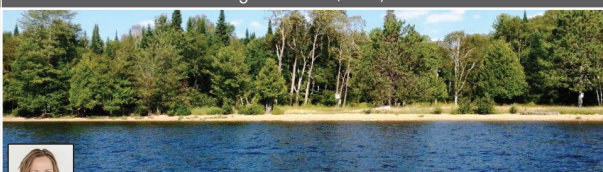
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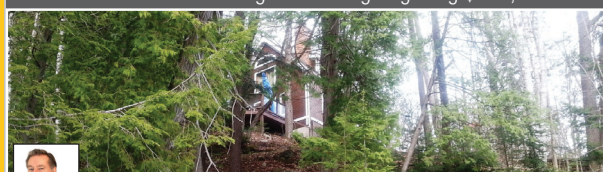
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All for love

The Highland Opera Studio was busy with rehearsals last week for Faust, a story of desire, redemption, and a bargain with the Devil at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton where its participants Stouffville's Lauren Margison, who has been a long-time Highlands cottager, as Marguerite shares a scene with Montreal's Pasquale D'Alessio, the titular character Faust. /DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Margison and D'Alessio embrace. Directed by Valerie Kuinka and conducted by Philip Morehead, this opera also includes studio participants Scott Brooks of Kamloops, British Columbia and Dylan Wright of Calgary, Alberta as Mephistopheles and Kijong Wi of Korea, who lives in Richmond Hill, also as Faust. Performances are Sunday, Aug. 28 at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 30 at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31 at 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, Sept. 1 at 7:30 p.m. All shows are at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton. See www.highlandsoperastudio.com for more information on this and other operas. /DARREN LUM Staff



Above, Margison and D'Alessio hold each other singing. /DARREN LUM Staff



D'Alessio sings during a rehearsal for Faust. Started by Kuinka and Richard Margison, the Highlands Opera Theatre has been offering the Highlands Opera Studio to young professional singers for 10 years to hone and refine their skills in Haliburton during the summer months. Participants, who come from across the continent and the world, not only study here under the guidance of established opera professionals, but also form casts for opera performances staged at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. /DARREN LUM

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SBES students learn math and more

ANGELICA INGRAM
Staff Reporter

School may be out for the summer but learning is always in, as students in Grades 1 through 3 are finding out in the Summer Learning Program at Stuart Baker Elementary School.

For the past few weeks students in the program have been learning about math and taking their skills even further by helping out the local community.

The students were at the Haliburton County Farmers' Market in Head Lake

Park last week selling bags of popcorn as a fundraiser for the Haliburton Food Bank, said SLP teacher Maiya Merritt.

"The students made the popcorn," she said. "The project is part of a unit learning about money. We are going to buy food for the food bank with the money we raise."

The initiative has been well received by the public, with market patrons more than willing to support the cause.

In the first week of selling the popcorn, which comes in three flavours and is priced at \$1.50 a bag, the students sold out in 20 minutes.

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Munich jazz label

4. A lump of clay

8. Showy ornament

10. __ Girl, brand of beer

11. Aka Kissavos

12. Warmest season of the year

13. 2nd longest Bulgarian river

15. Records the brain's electric currents

16. Cutting part of a drill

17. Colorful Italian city

18. The last part

19. Pouch

20. "Mad Men" creator

24. No (Scottish)

25. Actress Farrow

26. Focus cars (Co. initials)

27. Snakelike fish

28. One point E of due S

29. Grey sea eagle

30. Female "Mad Men" star

37. Actress Lupino

38. Time units (abbr.)

39. Moses' elder brother

40. 4th Caliph of Islam

41. Treaty of Rome creation

42. Theatrical play

43. Told on

45. "To tie" in Spanish

46. Amidst

47. Exchange for money

48. Bar game missile

49. Pluto or ____ Pater
4. Br. university town river

5. Lower back region

6. Relating to oil

7. Soil

9. Cause to lose courage

10. Pushed in nose dog

12. Dregs

14. Part of a cheer

15. Point midway between NE and E

18. Female sheep

19. Main

21. In a way, tangled

22. WWII female grunts

23. Nothing

26. Hoover's organization

27. Before

28. Patti Hearst's captors

29. One point S of due E

30. Film splicer & viewer

31. Something curved in shape

32. Possessed

33. Patagonian hares

34. Gave a formal speech

35. Resident of Mogadishu

36. Tangles

37. Annona diversifolia

40. Mures river city

41. Same as 15 across

44. Explosive

Answers on page 22.

- CLUES DOWN
1. Selfishness

2. Cinnamon source

3. Revolutionary firearm



Students partaking in the Summer Learning Program at Stuart Baker Elementary School are ready to sell some bags of popcorn at the Haliburton County Farmers' Market in Head Lake Park on Aug. 9. The initiative was part of the math based learning the kids were doing and the money raised was going to be used to buy food for the Haliburton Food Bank.

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Driving to protect the land

Right, Anthony vanLieshout takes a swing for the inaugural Wild About Nature golf tournament held at Pinestone Resort on Aug. 11. The 18-hole four-person scramble raised funds for the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust – a charity with a mission to “protect the land we love for generations.”

Below, Judy Kent, left, and Claire Littlefield are just about to “tee up for the Trust” at the inaugural Wild About Nature golf tournament hosted by Pinestone Resort on Aug. 11. More than 80 golfers participated in the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust fundraiser, which included an 18-hole four-person scramble, lunch, and dinner with artist Robert Bateman.

/ANGELA LONG Staff



Seniors need clear directions, please

GERALD IRISH

A senior's moment

Today, I found myself really searching in my old mental filing cabinets for – of all things – “What year is this?” I was making out a cheque for something. I seldom use cheques anymore but knew that they need to be dated to be legal. I looked down at the corner of the computer screen and read off the date. I also learned that my English spelling of the word “cheque” has changed. Am I really living that far in the past? Don’t answer that.

My confusion over the year in which we are currently living can be directed to the fact that we were discussing these coming Noel celebrations and recalling what we did last year. Hence momentary confusion.

I really think people should be very clear in giving seniors orders or directions. The other day I made some purchases and went to pay with my convenience card. After searching for my card in my wallet and being slightly aged and awkward, and not being able to produce it very quickly, I guess the clerk became a bit impatient and upon seeing the card said, “strip down.” I knew she meant the strip on the card but I wonder what she would have done had I taken her direction to not refer to the card but literally. What a catastrophe that would have been. After much hemming and hawing and redness of face and discussing any little thing that came up, she might have learned not to be so eager to work her customers through her check out. Of course this happened only in my mind and you thought I was losing it. I am not. I am a Haliburton senior.



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Bell puts their backpacks into it

Bell employees present their annual donation of backpacks to Point in Time program manager Dan Bajorek, second from right, on Aug. 11 in Haliburton at the Point in Time office. Every year for almost 10 years Bell has been co-ordinating the program, which distributes backpacks full of school supplies to kids throughout Haliburton County. This year 115 backpacks were collected. To date 740 backpacks have been distributed, said co-ordinator of the program Liz Boxall. Each backpack equates to a \$22 donation. The initiative is also co-ordinated by Jim Winn. Bell thanked a number of organizations for their contributions, including the Gooderham Fire Department, Stanhope Fire Department, Wilberforce Fire Department, Minden Hills Fire Department, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, Bell employees from Haliburton and Belleville, Point in Time board of directors, Fleming College, CRS Haliburton and special thanks to Rhonda Cooper, Sheila Cooper and Holly Cooper who have packed and delivered the backpacks over the years. From left, Chris Douglas, Charles Slade, Bajorek and Boxall./ANGELICA INGRAM Staff

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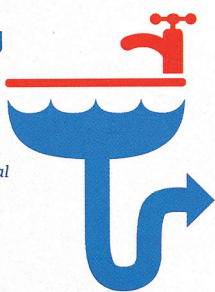
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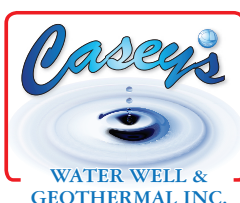
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Thursday, August 18th afternoon and evening

Location: The Wild Swan B and B Inn, 65 Invergordon Ave, MINDEN

and Loggers Bridge, the Gull River Riverwalks, Town Dock

No Entrance Fee: Donations Appreciated

Further Information:

Kay Millard 705 286 6635 kathleenmillard61@sympatico.ca

www.facebook.com/mindenlanternfestival

Mini Bucks Bid Euchre

(the third thursday of every month)

When: Thursday August 18th, 7:00 pm

Where: Bobcaygeon Seniors Centre

Cost:\$5.00

for more information contact Phil at 705-738-6271

Nature in the Hood 2016 - Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary Tour

When: Saturday, Aug. 20. 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Where: Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary, 2146 Duck Lake Rd.

Cost: \$5.00 per adult, kids free with paid adult

Leader: Monika Melichar

The Woodland Wildlife Sanctuary runs a volunteer-based, year round rehabilitation centre that accepts all wild creatures in need of help, with the aim of releasing them back into their appropriate habitat. Learn more about what the sanctuary does, and meet some of the wildlife in residence. They might even put us to work!

For more information or to register contact the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, 705-457-3700, www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Annual Decoration Day Services

When: August 21, 2016 at 3:00 pm

Where: Gelert Cemetery

Please bring lawn chairs.

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, August 24, 10:30 am to Noon.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Haliburton County Historical Society, "Show and Tell"

When: Thursday August 25th, 1:30 pm

Where: Haliburton Museum

You bring the item! You tell us about it!

Corn Roast.

When: Sat. Sept. 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

Where: St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake

Join the volunteers for an old fashioned corn roast with your family to enjoy face painting, puppet making, balloon animals, rock painting, live music. Your comfortable chairs would be welcome & cost is by donation.

Yard Sale

When: Saturday September 3, 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Where: Gooderham United Church

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West Guilford School Reunion

When: September 17, 2016 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Where: West Guilford Community Centre

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Notice

NOTICE

(Applicant - IDIENS/VASSALLO)

IN THE MATTER OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT AND IN THE MATTER OF A PROPOSED BY-LAW OF THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF HIGHLANDS EAST TO CLOSE, STOP-UP AND CONVEY CERTAIN PORTIONS OF AN ORIGINAL SHORE ROAD ALLOWANCE ALONG THE SHORE OF LITTLE GLAMOR LAKE, MORE PARTICULARLY HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, and the Municipal Procedures, that the Township Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East proposes to consider and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held at the Council Chambers, WILBERFORCE, Ontario on **Monday, the 12th day of September, 2016**, at 9:00 a.m., a By-Law to close, stop-up and convey to the adjacent land owners the following described lands:

Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 3, Concession 13, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Part 2 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **GREG BISHOP, OLS., dated June 14, 2015.**

The Preliminary Plan of Survey as referred to above is available for inspection during regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday) at the Municipality of Highlands East offices, Wilberforce, Ontario.

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that before passing the said By-Law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above mentioned, the Municipality of Highlands East shall then and there hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his, her or their lands will be prejudicially affected by the said By-Law and who applies to be heard in person. The person who wishes to address Council should contact the Township office for delegation time.

DATED at the Municipality of Highlands East, Wilberforce, Ontario this 9th day of August, 2016.

IRENE S. COOK, CMO
CLERK/CEMC
Box 295, 2249 Loop Road
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NOTICE

(Applicant - SMITH)

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FIRSTLY
Part of Lot 24, Concession 16 designated as Road Allowance on Registered plan 409, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 1 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **CT. STRONGMAN SURVEYING LTD., dated December 10, 2015.**

SECONDLY
Part of the Original Shore Road Allowance in front of Lot 24, Concession 16, Township of Monmouth, Municipality of Highlands East, County of Haliburton, shown as Parts 2 and 3 on a Preliminary Plan of Survey made by **CT STRONGMAN SURVEYING LTD., dated December 10, 2015.** (Part 3 being the flooded portion to be retained by the Municipality of Highlands East).

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Rain! Glorious welcome rain! Who would dare complain? Just carry on. Golf in the rain. Relocate your event planned for the great outdoors.

The Esson Lake Jazz Festival last Saturday evening was moved from Watson's at the lake up to Lee and Pat Clarke's. There, dry in Lee's canoe building fine music provided by talented musicians delighted the crowd.

Those musicians, friends of Dave and Anne from the Toronto area also offered their music in a rousing well attended jazz service at the Wilberforce United Church on Sunday morning. How generous of them.

Others dodged the rain on Saturday or waited until Sunday to discover works of art on the Highlands East Studio Tour. For The Love Of Painting a studio right in our village is at the home/studio of Mary Jane Little. There one is delighted with her cosmic and earthly realms in acrylics and pastels and by Kathy McQuigge's acrylic and pen/ink works inspired by nature and old barns and Betty Anne McNeil's landscapes and florals in water colours.

This tour includes other studios well worth a visit. This tour continues next Saturday and Sunday August 20 and 21 open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Brochures are available at studios, at the Information Centre and are on a brochure rack at Agnew's General Store.

Special music will be featured at the annual Memorial service/Decoration Day at the historic Essonville Church on Sunday, Aug. 21 at 2 p.m.

The show of some of the art creations of the late Gertrude LeRoy Miller that opened last Wednesday at the Outpost Museum brought some interesting visitors. One was Melannie the grand niece of the artist. She is daughter of Lorna and the late Wendell Sedgwick. How glad I was that I was volunteering at that time and also earlier in the day when family members of the late Mabel (Barnes) McIntyre visited. The McIntyre sisters were annual summer visitors from Toronto at their Aunt Edna Tighe's home here. Joan and her son, Joyce and the late Barbara's daughter were on a day trip to the village. There was some great reminiscing since Joan and I had both been born at the Outpost. The show of Gert's art can be viewed daily except Tuesdays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. until Labour Day Saturday. Some pieces will be on display during the Plein Air festival in early September.

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Wildlife in your backyard



Ralph Burchert sent in this photo of some visitors to the construction on his property. "Mum was proud to show us her new fawns," he writes.



"Squirrels around our place expect daily breakfast. Sometimes they just can't wait," writes Peter Magier of Little Cruiser Lake.



Reader wins Jays tickets

Melinda Nesbitt of Haliburton is all smiles after receiving her pair of Toronto Blue Jays tickets that she won after her name was drawn from a list of people that renewed or purchased newspaper subscriptions at Haliburton's Midnight Madness event recently. Nesbitt, who has never been to a Jays' game at Rogers Centre, renewed her subscription to be included in the event specific draw./DARREN LUM Staff

Tartan tea a tasty treat

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Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

St. Peter's Anglican Church hosted their annual Tartan Tea on Saturday, August 13. Many people availed themselves of the opportunity to be served by young girls in fancy caps and aprons of white while other ladies supplied the tasty goodies on tiered plates and kept our teacups filled. Piper Fraser MacDonald entertained near the entrance with many a Scottish tune as we enjoyed the goodies as well as the company of people we don't often see. There was the chance also to buy from the table of crafted items of appealing variety.

Pine and Grass Lakes have come alive with swimmers and boaters as good use is made here of vacation time recreation.

We look forward so much to having all four of our children home for a few days this week. Daughter Beth has already arrived from St. Catharines and Andy with family coming on Aug. 15th.

August 16th is George's and Alan's birthday, born two years apart. Some of you readers of this column will recall being here to celebrate this joint birthday when the boys were very young 40+ years ago. Cakes

will be made by Tuesday and served to the people who join us. Please drop in if you would like to say hello and pass on birthday wishes.

Euchre Scores:
High: Alison Tyne with a score of 90
Henk vanNood
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Municipality of Dysart et al NOTICE

Head Lake Public Boat Launch & Docks



Please be advised that the
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Friday, August 19 – Sunday, August 21, 2016
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Municipality of Dysart et al

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FORM 6
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Description of Lands:

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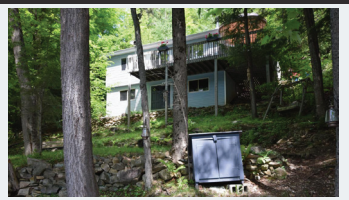
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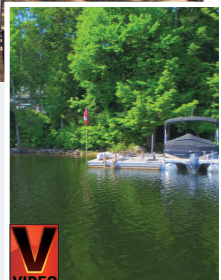
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